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SUBJECT: INCIDENT IN BALE: THE EPMG LINE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 14722 AND PREVIOUS.

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THE ETHIOPIAN PRESS RELEASE ON SUBJECT INCIDENT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: RELIEF TEAM WORKERS IN BALE AMBUSHED: A NUMBER
OF AN 18-MEMBER TEAM OF NORWEGIAN, BRITISH AND ETHIOPIAN
RELIEF WORKERS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN A BAND OF
UNIDENTIFIED CRIMINALS AMBUSHED THE TEAM LAST SATURDAY
IN BALE ADMINISTRATIVE REGION. DISCLOSING THIS YESTERDAY,
A SPOKESMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE
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COUNCIL SAID THE RELIEF TEAM OF THE SAVE THE CHILDREN

FUND WAS TRAVELLING IN A FIVE VEHICLE CONVOY WHEN IT WAS AMBUSHED AT GORO DISTRICT BY THE CRIMINALS WHO OPENED FIRE AT THE TEAM MEMBERS WITH THE INTENT OF LOOTING. MISS JOAN EMMERSON, A 39 YEAR OLD BRITISH NURSE, WHO WAS WOUNDED DURING THE INCIDENT, HAS BEEN SENT TO LONDON FOR TREATMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE NOW IN ADDIS ABABA, MISS EMMERSON HAS SERVED IN ETHIOPIA FOR A YEAR WITH THE SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND. THE SPOKESMAN CONDEMNED THIS IN-HUMAN ACT OF BRIGANDAGE IN THE NAME OF ALL NEEDY CHILDREN IN ETHIOPIA AND SAID IMMEDIATE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO TRACK DOWN THE CRIMINALS. END QUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMENT: ADDRESSES WILL NOTE THAT STATEMENT TERMS THIS INCIDENT "AN ACT OF BRIGANDAGE" PERFORMED BY "UNIDENTIFIED CRIMINALS." APPARENTLY ETHIOPIANS ARE NOT YET CERTAIN OF THE DEGREE, IF ANY, OF SOMALI INVOLVEMENT, OR IF SO, HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF IT AS YET. END COMMENT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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